

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 16 October 1998
 Name of applicant/court: Comptroller of Customs
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Dungeons of Europe - An S&M Trilogy Part II/Bound Boys in Slave Hollow
 Other Known Titles: Video Tape No 7 - Dungeons of Europe Part II Like Moths to a Flame
 Director: Roger Earl
 Producer: Terry le Grand
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author: Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/NTSC
 Country of Origin: Not Stated
 Language: English, German

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Components of film originally examined:

Features:	Dungeons of Europe - An S&M Trilogy Part II	Running time:	82.14
	Bound Boys in Slave Hollow		39.36
Trailers:	Blank Screen Component	Running time:	00.05
		Total Running time:	121.55

Excision/Alteration: Yes.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Two excisions are required to the video recording. The first excision is to remove the depiction of a man bound to a plank with rubber latex having urine from his penis directed over him by another man. The close focus and sexual presentation of the act of urination is intended to entertain and arouse the viewer such that the publication tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. The second excision is to remove the component entitled *Bound Boys in Slave Hollow* in its entirety. This component depicts a group of men being whipped, verbally abused and forced to participate in sexual conduct against their will. By presenting these activities as both entertaining and sexually arousing, the publication tends to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel any person to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct.

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Approved components of film after excision:

Feature: Dungeons of Europe - An S&M Trilogy Part II Running time: 81.21

Trailers: Nil Running time:

Total Amended Running time: 81.21

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Dungeons of Europe - An S&M Trilogy Part III/ Bound Boys in Slave Hollow* (also known as *Video Tape No 7 Dungeons of Europe Part II Like Moths to a Flame*) is classified as:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

This classification is dependent on two excisions being made. If the recommended excisions are not made, the video recording will be classified as objectionable.

The video recording tends to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct by presenting as sexually arousing the depiction of a man having urine from his penis directed over his body by another man. The man urinating is bound to a plank with rubber latex, and the activity is closely focused upon for the entertainment and arousal of the viewer. The video recording also tends to promote and support the use of violence and coercion to compel any person to participate in, and submit to, sexual conduct in a component entitled *Bound Boys in Slave Hollow*. In this

component a group of men are whipped, verbally abused and forced to participate in sexual conduct against their will. By presenting these activities as both entertaining and sexually arousing, the publication promotes and supports them.

Under s32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) the Classification Office must consider if it would classify the video recording differently if any excisions were made. Having considered the relevant criteria under s3 of the FVPC Act, the Classification Office is of the opinion that it would classify the publication differently if the scenes involving the use of urine and the use of violence and coercion were excised. After excisions the remaining content would be restricted to an adult audience because it presents sadomasochistic practices such as bondage and discipline. The scenes present some submissive acts which involve role playing conduct intended to be degrading and demeaning. In the bondage and discipline, the participants' sexual satisfaction is derived from the infliction or suffering of cruelty and pain in the form of whipping and pinching. This appears to be consensually engaged in and does not, therefore, present with particular strength. The owner has agreed in writing to the excisions in letters received on 22 January 1998 and 8 October 1998, hence the video recording is restricted to an adult audience.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in coming to a decision on this publication. The activities which are promoted and supported by the video recording fall under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act), deeming provisions which cannot be given a meaning consistent with s14 of the NZBR Act. Similarly, restricting the video recording to an adult audience after excisions is also a reasonable limit of s14 given that the remainder of the video recording presents sadomasochistic activities such as bondage and discipline in a complex and sexually explicit manner that is more appropriate and intended for this audience.

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